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BRIDLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department

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FOR THE YEAR

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Mr. Chairman, Councillor Miss Owston and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1949, on the health of the Rural District.

(1) HOSPITAL AND SANATORIUM PROVISIONS, &c.

The care of the chronic sick is now provided for at the County Hospital, Driffeld, and at the General Wards of the Avenue Hospital, Bridlington, and the Bampton Lane Hospital, Bridlington.

There has been no change in laboratory facilities, nor in your Public Health staff.

The Public Health Laboratory in Hull, under the direction of Dr. Greening, undertakes bacteriological investigations in matters of public health (such as water and milk sampling), and also in diseases (such as the enteric group) which are closely linked with public sanitation.

Laboratory work on diseases of non-public health interest is done by the Pathologist at Westwood Hospital, Beverley, and by the Pathologist at Scarborough Hospital.

(2) GENERAL STATISTICS

The following is a table of general statistics for the year under review:

Area of District .....	66.903 acres
Population of Area (Estimated, from the Registrar-General's figures for 1948) .....	9,310
Number of Separate Families .....	2,596
Separate Houses and Other Dwellings as at 31st December 1949 ..	3,448
Rateable Value .....	£31,558
Product of Penny Rate at 31st March 1949 .....	£112/19/6

(3) VITAL STATISTICS

The vital statistics for the year 1949 were as follows:

Population .....	{ Civilian 9,270 Total 9,310		
Live Births .....	Legitimate ( Males 68 ... Females 58 = Total 126		
	Illegitimate ( Males - ... Females 11 = Total 11		
	68	69	137
Birth-rate per thousand of estimated Resident Population .....	14.77		
Rate per thousand (Total live and still births) .....	16.07		
Deaths .....	Males 57 ... Females 49 = Total 106		
Death-rate per thousand of estimated Resident Population .....	11.43		
Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis .....	Nil		
Deaths from other Puerperal causes .....	Nil		
Deaths of Infants ) under one year )	Legitimate ( Males 3 ... Females 2 = Total 5		
	Illegitimate ( Males - ... Females - = Total Nil		
	3	2	5
Infantile death-rate per thousand live births (Legitimate) ....	36.59		
Infantile death-rate for England and Wales, per thousand live births (Legitimate) .....	32.00		
Deaths from Measles (All ages) .....	Nil		
Deaths from Whooping Cough (All ages) .....	Nil		
Deaths from Diarrhoea (Under two years of age) .....	Nil		

#### (4) INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The case rate of certain infectious diseases per thousand population was as shown in the following table, case rates for Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia are given per thousand total births:

Disease	England and Wales	Bridlington Rural District
Acute Polio-Myelitis .....	1.13 ...	0.10
Diphtheria .....	0.04 ...	-
Enteric Fever Group .....	0.02 ...	-
Erysipelas .....	0.19 ...	0.30
Food Poisoning .....	0.14 ...	0.10
Measles .....	8.96 ...	3.90
Pneumonia .....	0.80 ...	0.20
Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia .....	6.31 ...	-
Scarlet Fever .....	1.63 ...	1.20
Smallpox .....	- ...	-
Whooping Cough .....	2.39 ...	0.40

The following table shows the diseases notified during the year:

Disease	Total Notified	Admitted to Sanatorium	Deaths
Acute Polio-Myelitis .....	1	1	-
Brucella Abortus .....	1	-	-
Diphtheria .....	3	3	-
Erysipelas .....	3	-	-
Food Poisoning .....	1	-	-
Infectious Jaundice .....	1	1	-
Measles .....	39	6	-
Pneumonia .....	4	-	2
Scarlet Fever .....	12	12	-
Whooping Cough .....	4	-	-

#### (5) TUBERCULOSIS

Pulmonary ..... Males 26 - Females 14 ... Total 40  
 Non-Pulmonary ..... Males 6 - Females 9 ... Total 15

New cases notified:

Pulmonary ..... Males 5 - Females 1 ... Total 6  
 Non-Pulmonary ..... Males 1 - Females 0 ... Total 1

#### (6) BAACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS

These are now the entire responsibility of the East Riding County Council, insofar as infectious diseases are concerned.

#### (7) WATER SUPPLY

During the year, there has been a major change in the water supply for the area. Formerly, the Bridlington Rural District Council supplied the Parishes of Flamborough, Folkton, Hummaby and Muston direct, and the Bridlington Corporation supplied the remaining thirteen Parishes in the Rural District (Barnston, Brompton, Boynton, Burton Agnes, Burton Fleming, Carnaby, Grindale, Roighton, Rudston, Skipsca, Thwing, Ulrome and Wold Newton).



An Agreement has been entered into, under which the Bridlington Rural District Council will transfer to the Bridlington Corporation their area of supply, together with the Waterworks, mains, etc., therein, and the latter Authority will then supply the whole of the Rural District.

It was hoped to effect this transfer by 1st April 1949, but the actual legal transfer took place on 5th October 1949. The Bridlington Corporation had control, however, from 1st April, and any works of improvement or repair to the Waterworks, engines or mains required the sanction of the Waterworks Department of the Corporation.

(i) The water supply has been satisfactory as regards quantity, but the quality of the water has differed from time to time.

(ii) Bacteriological examinations were made, both of raw water and treated water, from the Waterworks under the joint control of the Rural District Council and the Corporation, and samples were taken - six of which proved to be of unsatisfactory quality. All the supplies are now of satisfactory quality.

(iii) The water is not liable to plumbo-solvent action.

(iv) Apart from the unsatisfactory supplies referred to at (ii) above, there were no other cases of contamination of water supplies during the year.

(v) Number of houses and population supplied with water:

Parish	To Houses			From Standtaps	
	No. of Houses	Population		No. of Houses	Population
Barmston .....	43	150	.....	37	121
Bempton .....	123	369	.....	64	201
Boynnton .....	35	145	.....	9	39
Burton Agnes .....	119	432	.....	47	149
Burton Fleming .....	77	252	.....	34	125
Carnaby .....	83	325	.....	31	135
Flamborough .....	457	1,319	.....	59	236
Folkton .....	106	413	.....	12	45
Grindale .....	26	97	.....	27	103
Hunmanby .....	461	1,640	.....	61	220
Muston .....	68	246	.....	42	149
Reighton .....	69	247	.....	46	163
Rudston .....	91	309	.....	51	181
Skipsea .....	69	249	.....	57	173
Thwing .....	53	162	.....	15	63
Ulrome .....	55	188	.....	33	109
Wold Newton .....	75	275	.....	6	23

#### (8) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The new Sewage Disposal Works at Bempton has proved of great value to the Parish, and the Works are in first-class order, giving an exceptionally good effluent. The connection of properties to the sewers is proceeding, as is also the conversion of pail closets and earth closets to water closets.

During the year, the work of cleansing sewer dykes proceeded satisfactorily, with very little complaint from any source.

The proposed new sewage plant at Flamborough Head has not yet been begun, owing to the shortage of materials required for its construction. The existing sewage tanks have caused considerable trouble, especially during the Summer months, and it is to be hoped that permission to commence the work may be given without any further delay, so that the plant may be in full working order before the Summer Season of 1951.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Councillor Miss Owston and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

P.D.H. CHAPMAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

September, 1950.

Annual Report of the Public Health Department  
for the Year 1949

To the Chairman and Members  
of the Bridlington Rural District Council,

Mr. Chairman, Councillor Miss Owston and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Seventh Annual Report on the sanitary and other work carried out by your Sanitary Inspector during the year ended 31st December 1949.

The total number of inspections carried out during the year, for all purposes, was 2,163.

(1) HOUSING ACTS

During the year, 220 inspections were made in connection with the Housing Survey and housing repairs generally, and notices were served in 32 cases, such notices being informal notices. In 31 cases, repairs were carried out before the end of the year.

Two houses were demolished during the year, both of which had been standing empty for some years, and were the subject of a Clearance Order.

Difficulty was still experienced in getting repairs carried out to houses, owing to the shortage of labour and materials, and the high cost of same.

(2) PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

During the year, 117 complaints and nuisances were dealt with, necessitating the making of 141 visits of inspection. Notices were served where found necessary.

The following is a summary of nuisances:

Dirty dwellings .....	4
Defective pail closets or privy middens .....	21
Offensive accumulations .....	47

(3) MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS

There are 251 cowkeepers, producers and wholesale traders on the Register, including 18 who are also retail traders, selling quantities of milk both wholesale and retail.

During the year, 211 inspections and visits were made, and as a result the following infringements were dealt with:

Cleansing of cowsheds .....	71
Structural alterations .....	5
Cleansing of utensils .....	23
Other matters .....	29



(4) MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

As in previous years, the slaughtering of animals for human consumption was carried out at the Central Slaughterhouse, situate in the Borough of Bridlington, and the inspection of the carcasses was undertaken by the Sanitary Inspectors to the Bridlington Corporation.

This arrangement, however, has not done away with the supervision of meat and food shops, and 125 inspections were carried out in this connection. As a result, it was found necessary to condemn 22 tins of milk, 14 tins of beans and 7 tins of fish, as being unfit for human consumption.

(5) SHOPS ACTS

Most of the shops in the area are run by owner-occupiers, and have sufficient and satisfactory sanitary accommodation.

The larger shops are visited periodically, and 43 visits and inspections were made during the year to ascertain the adequacy and condition of the sanitary accommodation.

(6) WATER SUPPLIES AND SUPERVISION OF WATERWORKS

In connection with the water supplies for the area under the control of the Rural District Council, 197 visits and inspections were made, and 13 samples were taken and submitted to the Bacteriologist for examination.

The water levels at Flamborough and Flixton were well maintained during the year.

(7) FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

There are 47 factories and workshops on the Register, and 57 inspections were made during the year. Infringements of the Acts and Regulations were dealt with in conjunction with the Ministry's Factories Inspector.

(8) SCAVENGING

The work of scavenging is now carried out by direct labour in the Parishes of Flamborough and Hymmanby, and in connection with this work 391 visits and inspections were made.

In the remaining fifteen Parishes, the collection of tins, etc., was carried out once per quarter by direct labour, with the use of the Council's Morry.

(9) SUPERVISION OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS AND DRAINAGE

During the year, 241 visits and inspections were made, and no major difficulties were encountered. A considerable amount of work was done on the cleansing of dykes under the control of the Council.

(10) INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Visits were made in respect of twelve cases of Scarlet Fever which occurred during the year. Instructions were given in all cases, and thorough disinfection of the houses was carried out.

(11) FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1938 - Section 14

There are now 43 premises registered for the sale, storage and/or manufacture of Ice-cream or preserved food. Frequent inspections are made of the premises, and it is pleasing to note that any advice given or recommendations made to the owners of the premises is always well received, in order to improve the standard of cleanliness.



(12) RODENT CONTROL

In addition to ordinary enquiries made during routine visits, 84 visits and inspections were made during the year, and where necessary poisoning was carried out. There has been no incidence of any major infestation.

The refuse tips and sewage works under the control of the Council were treated as required.

(13) SUPERVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL HOUSES

The inspection of Council Houses for repairs and maintenance has taken up a considerable amount of time during the past year, and once again a large amount of work has been carried out.

In this connection, I would especially like to thank the Rating Officer and Collector (Mr. H.A. Woodhead) and his staff for their co-operation.

The repairs carried out can be summarised as follows:

Roofs .....	93	Oven Bottoms .....	12
Chimneys .....	14	Grates .....	51
Spouting .....	17	Back Boilers .....	1
Pointing of Walls .....	66	Canopies to Ranges .....	5
Paving .....	17	Damper Rods .....	2
Fencing .....	10	Firebricks .....	43
General Woodwork .....	52	Fire Bars to Ranges .....	9
Doors .....	58	W.C. Cisterns & Overflows ..	113
Locks .....	32	Lavatory Pails .....	4
Gates .....	52	Sink Wastes .....	24
Windows .....	64	Taps .....	6
Draining Boards .....	25	Washbasins .....	1
Handrails .....	5	Coppers .....	58
Plaster .....	117	Water Bursts .....	52
Doorsteps .....	2	Drainage .....	56
New Ranges .....	5	Manholes .....	3
Tiling to Ranges .....	7	Dustbins .....	18
Saddles to Ranges .....	55	Clothes Posts .....	2
Oven Plates .....	14		

(14) CAMPS, TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

There are 19 camps in the area which are licensed under Section 269 of the Public Health Act 1936. These camps stretch from the extreme North to the extreme South of the Rural District, along the coastline, and owing to the distances to be travelled it is very difficult to visit the camps as often as is desirable.

Nevertheless, 161 visits and inspections were made to ascertain the sanitary and other conditions at the camps, and in most cases the owners were found to be very willing to co-operate.

(15) SUMMARY OF VISITS, &c.

A summary of the visits and inspections made during the year 1949 is given below:

Housing Acts .....	85	Bt./fwd. ....	1,015
Public Health & Public Health Housing Acts ...	135	Sewage Works & Drainage ...	241
Milk & Dairies Orders .....	443	Scavenging .....	391
Slaughterhouses .....	34	Infectious Diseases .....	7
Bakehouses .....	21	Food Inspections .....	125
Shops Acts .....	43	Rodent Control .....	84
Waterworks & Water Supplies	197	Council Houses, &c. ....	139
Factories & Workshops .....	57	Camps, Tents, Vans & Sheds	161
		<u>Total</u> .....	<u>2,163</u>
Cd./fwd. ....	1,015		

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Council for the support and consideration given to me during the year under review, and also to the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. P.D.H. Chapman), the Clerk to the Council (Mr. A.S. Makin) and the Staff, for their interest and help in connection with my work.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Councillor Miss Owston and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. RIDOUT,

Sanitary Inspector.

September, 1950.

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